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AREA MEETINGS

October was in truth State Conference Month. Only one change in the schedule was made, and that was a combining of the Sonoma and Santa Rosa meetings. The team of speakers carried clear through as planned, with the exception that Dr. Douglas Horton was called east two days early. Prof. Hugh Vernon White and Prof. Buell Gallagher gave the major addresses in the hours set aside for Dr. Horton, and Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Herbert Dimock, Rev. Robert W. Moon, and Rev. Rudolph Caughey took the devotional services.

Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake went through the entire month speaking from two to four times a day, not only telling the story of Turkey and our work there but illustrating by her own ability and personality the high quality of our missionary representatives.

Field Secretary William W. Meyer and Supt. Harley H. Gill made the entire trip, each reporting concerning the many departments and activities of the Conference and conducting devotional services, explaining Postwar Program, meeting with smaller groups of youth, church trustees, or pulpit committees, as needs arose.

Representatives of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California conducted a women's hour at nearly all of the meetings. Those assisting were Mrs. Verdette Walters, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Mrs. E. D. Doxsee, Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Mrs. S. C. Peabody, Mrs. William W. Meyer, and Mrs. James H. Price.

The Postwar Program was presented at each conference either by the Superintendent or by one of the following members of the special Conference committee: Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. A. R. Boone, Mr. David H. Gill, Rev. Augustine Jones, Rev. Charles C. Champlin, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, Rev. Maurice de Vries, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, Rev. S. C. Peabody, and Rev. Ralph V. Conard.

There were 22 meetings in as many cities. This required 2379 miles of driving all in 28 days. Each member of the team took one or more side trips for other appointments in addition. Eighty-seven churches were represented at one or another of the meetings and total attendance was 2,095 different persons. Never have so many people and from so many churches had direct knowledge of our work at home and abroad. Field Secretary Meyer reports that he met with a total of 488 young people, 215 of whom are not included in the total above. Mimeographed reports were distributed and printed literature broadcast. One offering was taken in each place and they totaled $1,084.54. The expense, aside from time of team members and preparation of the schedule, was about $400.

It was a great thing to do, but it is like having twins or like climbing Mt. Everest or like swimming the English Channel—once is enough!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 26-29—Pilgrim Fellowship Winter Conference at San Mateo.

January 28-31—Mid-Winter Meetings of Mission Boards and Superintendents, Cleveland, Ohio.

February 19-21—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

March 6—Ash Wednesday.

April 21—Easter Sunday.

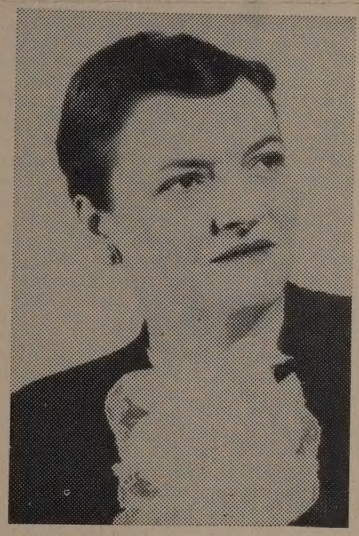
June 19-26—General Council, Grinnell, Iowa.

SIERRA-ARDEN PROJECT

A new Congregational Community Church in the very fine Sierra Oaks Vista and Arden subdivisions northeast of Sacramento is on the way. The Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Northern California Congregational Conference have formed a partnership new in this area but with great possibilities.

Beginning with the discovery of an area in which there are more than 400 homes and in which, within four or five years, the population will be quadrupled, and in which there was no religious work of any kind, allocation was sought and secured from the Sacramento Council of Churches and the Northern California Council of Churches. A house-to-house visitation of the entire district gave the names of 160 children who would attend the Sunday School, and a total of about 250 people who could be regarded as prospects for church membership.

The next step taken was the purchase of an attractive and well-located six-room parsonage on a full acre lot, with lovely lawn, hedges, and trees. Contacts were made looking toward the securing of a permanent church site in a more central area.



REV. MARY McKEE CHESTER

REV. JOSEPH CHESTER

Rev. Mary McKee Chester and her husband, Rev. Joseph Chester, have been secured as leaders. They are living in the parsonage, are making their first contacts, and are outlining the program of beginnings.

Rev. Mary McKee Chester has come from a most successful pastorate at the Fauntleroy Church of Seattle, where she served 11 years. The church had phenomenal growth and her ministry extended throughout the city, particularly among student groups. She is a graduate of Willamette University, Oregon, majoring in religious education and philosophy. She took post-graduate work in her chosen fields. She is a graduate of Cameron School of Dramatic Arts and has won contests in dramatic impersonations and public speaking.

Rev. Joseph Chester, co-pastor, has served many years in the Methodist Church, and held prominent pastorates in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and also the Church of All Nations in Bombay, India. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and took post-graduate work in Garrett Seminary, Ill., and Boston University. He has lectured extensively on Mahatma Ghandi, whom he knew personally while living in Bombay.

A church school will be launched as soon as a place can be secured, and there will be study groups for young people and adults. A sponsoring committee is being organized, to which the Board of Home Missions and the State Conference will turn over responsibility as rapidly as possible.

Peirce Coombes on Unit Plan

MANY a problem confronts us as laymen, which if we stare at from afar confounds us with its magnitude and fills us with fear as to the hopelessness of completing it, but experience has taught us that if after an over-all study of our problem we divide it into its natural divisions or make arbitrary divisions of the task, we can attack and clean up those divisions and thereby accomplish by degrees the conquering of the main task or problem which in the beginning appalled us.

The Unit Plan therefore is patterned along the lines of our own experience and by reason of that fact should and does meet with our approval as a plan of procedure.

That the Unit Plan has an appeal not only for its rightness of purpose but because it is rightly organized has been proved by the Northern California Congregational Conference Laymen's Commission through the good work of N. F. Sanderson, who headed the Unit Plan activities of the Commission and in three years' time almost reached the halfway mark (the five-year point) of our goal.

I trust that the success of the Northern California Laymen's Commission is not unique, for it should not be.—Peirce Coombes.

P. F. at SAN MATEO

Young people are looking forward to their three-day Mid-Winter Conference at San Mateo, December 26-29. Rev. Donald Gaylord of Martinez will be Mid-Winter Director and Rev. Henry Hayden of Guerneville is slated as Dean of Boys. Other leadership is being signed up by the program committee.

The total cost of Mid-Winter, including room and board and registration, will be $5.00. This low cost is made possible through the generous hospitality of the San Mateo people who will be entertaining delegates in their homes. Meals, except breakfast, will be served at the church.

A large hall has been secured directly across the street from the church to take care of all the recreation programs.

Registration cards are in the mail, together with posters for every church. Completed registration cards, with pastor's endorsement, and with the $5.00 fee, and with 5 red points, should be sent to the Registrar, Mrs. Grace Bielar, San Mateo Community Church, 225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo. There is every indication of a capacity conference, so registrations might well be sent in at once!

DR. HORTON IN JAPAN

In April, 1941, eight Japanese and seventeen American Christian leaders met at Riverside. Although the meeting had been sponsored by the Federal Council and Foreign Missions Conference, it had no administrative character but devoted itself to spiritual fellowship.

Among the Japanese members were Dr. Kagawa, Bishop Aba, Miss Michi Kawai, and Mr. Soichi Saito. Dr. Douglas Horton, minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, was chosen chairman. The name adopted by the group was the "Riverside Fellowship."

At the close of the meeting it was agreed that a deputation of American Christians should make a return visit to Japan. Realization of that intention was prevented by the war. Recently, however, word was received from Japanese Christian leaders that such a deputation would now be heartily welcomed. Accordingly, with the approval of American governmental authorities, a deputation left October 21 for Japan, consisting of Dr. Douglas Horton, Dr. Luman Shafer, Secretary of the East Asia Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, Secretary of the Committee on International Justice and Goodwill, and Bishop James C. Baker. Bishop Baker is Methodist Bishop of California. He is also chairman of the International Missionary Council and a trustee of Pacific School of Religion.

The deputation will renew the Christian fellowship interrupted by the war and glean information regarding the plans and needs of the Christian movement in Japan. It will leave administrative matters to ecclesiastical executives.—Pacific School of Religion Bulletin.

NEWS FROM MISS DENTON

Word from the American Board makes clear and authoritative the fact that Miss Mary Denton is alive and well. She was able to talk animatedly for two hours without apparent weariness. She stated that her friends have taken excellent care of her, although there were many simple comforts of which she has been deprived.

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YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

Three significant meetings of young adults were held recently with Dr. Paul Reynolds, National Director of Young Adults and Christian Family Life, on his brief visit to northern California October 31 to November 2.

Salida staged a Hallowe'en Party for its young couple's club, with a delegation from Ripon also attending. Hallowe'en games and folk dancing were enjoyed, and the story of our young adults' work and its possibilities was told by Dr. Paul. Field Secretary Meyer led a closing devotional. The Salida group has done excellent work in redecorating the church sanctuary and other improvements, and has kept the active interest of a fine group of young married couples.

At San Carlos four churches were represented, exchanging their experiences with Dr. Paul, studying his kit of Family Life books and pamphlets. "Every church," he said, "must seriously consider the need for a group to serve its returning Service men. Some churches have groups for couples and singles together. Groups for unmarried young adults seem hardest to keep because they have a way of getting married. Every young adult group exists to meet a definite social need; most groups also find interest in a serious discussion program; and many of them tackle important jobs in the church program."

South Berkeley, on November 2, was host to representatives from Berkeley First, Berkeley North, and Piedmont, as well as an enthusiastic group from South Berkeley itself. There was general agreement that in spite of the diversity in pattern of young adult groups, or perhaps because of diversity, this fellowship between the churches was fruitful and deserves repeating.

E. T. SHERMAN MEMORIAL

More than one hundred dollars has been contributed by the readers of The Pacific for the cabin to be built at Cazadero in memory of Rev. Edwin T. Sherman. Several have expressed thanks to The Pacific for suggesting the idea. The appropriateness of naming the first cabin for boys to be built for him has been mentioned by a number. It was young people's work that was nearest his heart. Churches which Mr. Sherman served will want to have a part, and ministers and young people who were close to him are welcoming this opportunity. Checks should be sent to the Conference office, clearly designated for The Sherman Memorial.

Ministers of the Sacramento Valley Association are inviting the ministers of the Sacramento Valley and of the Central Association to meet December 3 at the Pioneer Congregational Church in Sacramento. The Evangelical and Reformed Ministers are also invited. The purpose is fellowship, and to promote the feeling of solidarity among the ministers, and also to consider the possibility of occasional youth rallies.

MUST DO BETTER

At the end of October, regular benevolence gifts from the churches were $1100 ahead of 1944—a good showing, but not as good as it was earlier in the year. There was a disappointing let-down in the summer and the early fall. Two months remain until the January 10 deadline. Careful attention by treasurers, pastors, and other interested people will make 1945 our best year.

CHURCH	October, 1945	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1945	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1944
Adin	$	$ 38.80	$ 2.50
Alameda	119.63	831.40	723.01
Alturas	24.59	87.69	82.39
Angels Camp	.....	153.00	112.77
Antioch	.....	75.16	58.34
Auburn	10.00	135.50	131.60
Benicia	.....	230.00	.....
Berkeley, Arlington	23.61	101.60	65.80
Chinese	.....	.....	50.00
First	568.54	5,209.71	4,783.25
North	73.60	540.85	445.54
Northbrae	.....	.....	304.50
South	57.23	491.80	.....
Campbell	.....	154.00	155.00
Cedarville	.....	.....	50.00
Cloverdale	22.59	91.99	81.71
Corari	.....	85.00	96.14
Crockett	.....	50.44	121.71
Etna	.....	.....	5.84
Eureka	.....	426.53	362.47
Fairfax	.....	65.94	72.79
Ferndale	94.65	347.25	347.50
Fresno, First	250.00	1,150.00	1,061.24
Pilgrim	.....	414.62	200.00
Glen Ellen	30.00	51.00	73.55
Guerneville	6.54	40.41	25.00
Hayward	.....	100.00	300.00
Kenwood	.....	11.46	21.47
Lodi, First	.....	1,609.00	1,888.78
Loleta	25.77	77.00	52.22
Loomis	.....	80.18	27.13
Martinez	53.75	373.47	303.26
Murphys	.....	83.40	81.00
Niles	.....	55.00	55.00
Oakland, First	440.00	4,450.00	4,560.00
Fruitvale	15.00	45.00	45.00
Japanese	.....	15.00	.....
Pilgrim	12.00	63.00	45.00
Plymouth	104.57	1,049.02	1,067.22
Orinda	20.00	195.80	45.00
Oroville	94.09	323.00	248.49
Pacific Grove	64.80	329.95	281.54
Palo Alto	.....	525.00	250.00
Paradise	25.00	225.00	275.00
Parlier	.....	.....	50.00
Penngrove	17.15	78.50	84.57
Pescadero	10.00	10.00	10.00
Petaluma	254.45	881.70	423.15
Pittsburg	20.96	220.30	183.33
Port Chicago	.....	37.56	105.82
Porterville	.....	800.00	600.00
Redwood City	473.97	684.04	690.76
Reedley	.....	25.00	.....
Rio Vista	.....	70.00	44.00
Ripon	.....	182.60	250.16
Sacramento	80.00	800.00	800.00
Salida	40.00	126.00	102.00
San Carlos	20.00	210.20	138.01
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	.....	225.00	223.00
Calvary	.....	.....	30.00
First	.....	558.27	677.60
Ocean View	25.00	91.15	80.00
Park Presidio	37.00	167.00	82.00
San Jose	41.80	508.32	615.89
San Leandro	30.35	183.05	120.65
San Mateo	100.00	710.95	1,167.16
San Rafael	10.00	89.00	105.00
Santa Cruz	75.00	650.00	645.00
Santa Rosa	20.00	164.00	170.50
Saratoga	182.92	533.97	465.80
Sebastopol	64.30	285.90	245.11
Sonoma	.....	46.68	113.50
Soquel	.....	90.00	178.00
Stockton	.....	535.11	485.82
Suisun	25.00	109.00	75.00
Sunnyvale	.....	53.06	81.65
Tulare	.....	565.00	500.00
Weaverville	.....	75.00	70.00
Woodside	.....	23.80	53.80
Reno, Nevada	130.12	516.77	494.26
*Miscellaneous and Individual	.....	885.56	1,290.72
	$3,793.98	$31,575.46	$30,411.54

*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German Churches.

Plymouth House is showing renewed activity with the reopening of college. The prime concern at the moment is the welcoming of new students. Plymouth House people will call, two by two, on Sunday, November 18, on all students who have registered Congregational preference. Rev. J. Ford Forsyth is the new director.

Rev. Laurance L. Cross recently celebrated his 21st anniversary as pastor of the Northbrae Community Church of Berkeley.

WOODSIDE. After nearly seven years of service, Rev. Burton M. Palmer has resigned and the resignation has been accepted but with great regret. During his pastorate the church sanctuary has been enlarged and improved and a parish house erected and paid for. The membership has increased and the financial support of the church lifted. Mrs. Palmer has been exceedingly active in the program of religious education. They plan to make their home in Woodside, and Dr. Palmer will be available for ad interim work.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Just as The Pacific goes to press arrangements have been made whereby Dr. Burton M. Palmer will serve the Murphys and Angels Camp churches for the time being. Dr. Palmer will not consider the permanent pastorate but has agreed to hold the work together for the present and also to minister to the California Youth Authority camps. In the meantime active search for a permanent pastor will go forward.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. During the vacation of the pastor, Rev. Eugene Sill, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Phillip K. Swartz who is now living in San Francisco, and who with his family has united with the church. Mrs. Charles Stanley, formerly of China, was guest of the Ladies' Guild at its bimonthly meeting. The Mothers' Club sponsored a Hallowe'en party for the children of the church.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. A building fund follow-up campaign is under way Plans have been made for full participation in the post-war emergency program of the denomination. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

OUR CHAPLAINS

Chaplain Victor H. Morgan of the U. S. Navy is spending a few weeks at home with his family at Orinda. For fifteen months he has been on active duty on the Aircraft Carrier Essex. He was in every recent major engagement but without setting foot on any of the battle grounds. He was awarded the Purple Heart as the result of wounds sustained in an attack of a suicide plane on his ship. He will probably be on shore duty for the next few months.

Chaplain W. R. Steininger is now resting at home in Raleigh, N. C. His health is improved after being at the Moore General Hospital for a period since his return from the Orient. He hopes to be discharged and fit for resuming educational or religious work by the first of the year.

Chaplain George Aki, in writing from Leghorn, Italy, tells of an airplane trip to Palestine. He had five memorable days in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, at the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Along with others of his unit, he received citation for meritorious service. Mrs. Aki and their daughter are in Massachusetts.

Chaplain Gail Cleland is leaving the military service and is about to sail for Japan with the Civil Affairs Department of the Far East. His knowledge of Japan and the language, acquired many years ago, will stand him in good stead.

Chaplain James D. Salmon writes that his stay in India will soon be over and that he will be on his way home as soon as replacement comes in. He has seen enough of the world so that his greatest desire is to stay in America.

A letter written October 6 by Chaplain Verdette Walters indicated that he was on shipboard and leaving the Philippines presumably for Japan.

PESCADERO. A handcraft group for adults is meeting at the local high school, where arrangements have been made for the use of the wood shop. Several articles have already been made in leathercraft classes. Some of these will be sold at the annual bazaar. A worship center has been dedicated for the Sunday School. A flannel picto-graph board has been constructed for visual aid. On October 28 Covenant Day was observed. The Charter was presented for signing by new members. Rev. W. F. Keeney is pastor.

STOCKTON. Mr. George Brandon has been appointed as church assistant. He will give approximately half time to work among young people and in the Church School. Four members of the faculty of the College of the Pacific presented various themes appropriate to the post-war world at four meetings during October. The men of the parish were welcomed at the home of Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, on a recent evening to discuss the revival of the Men's Club.

TRINITY COUNTY. Regular services and Sunday School sessions are held at Lewiston. The Weaverville Church simply refused to consider the resignation of Rev. Forrest P. Knapp as pastor, but are giving him a vacation at such time as is convenient for him and Mrs. Knapp to visit their daughters in Hawaii.

GUERNEVILLE. Four new members were received on confession of faith during October. Church attendance and Sunday School attendance show gains. A young people's choir is helping with music. Young people sent packages for the Church Overseas Committee, to reach occupied countries by Christmas. Rev. Henry Hayden is pastor.

PARADISE. The church has shipped over 300 pounds of books for the Philippines and filled a dozen cartons of Christmas gifts for those in need overseas. There will be a share in the clothing drive in January for war-torn lands. Nine new members were received on a recent Sunday. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is pastor.

PETALUMA. This church has voted an increase of salary for the pastor, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, and at the same time has voted to meet the obligations of the postwar emergency program by increasing regular benevolence giving one-third and doubling previous high giving to the CWVR.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The annual series of seminars are under way with record-breaking attendance. Themes for group consideration include economic, political, social, theological and missionary subjects. Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth are the ministers.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. New neon signs pointing to the church have been placed on both the Mason and Post Street sides. Among speakers recently heard on Sunday evening have been Rev. M. Jay Minkler, President Tully Knoles, and Rev. A. J. Muste of New York. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is the pastor.

Among the loyal Congregationalists attending the State Conference meetings was George R. Kibbe at Broadmoor. He is now 88 years of age, and has been a member of one or another of our Northern California churches for 71 years.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SOQUEL. The Lttle White Church in the Vale had a busy summer, the principal activity being a church camp which was in session during July and August. Two camp periods were held enrolling a total of forty girls and boys of upper grade school age and high school. There was a full schedule of activities under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. T. Davis Preston and six adult helpers. A small building is being constructed on the church grounds to accommodate a nursery department, and will be opened this month. The third season of released-time religious education program began the first of October with 74 enrolled under three teachers. It is expected this group will grow to near the hundred mark. The pupils are from the eight grades of the Soquel Union Grammar School. Superintendent Gill met with the workers of the church at the end of September for a conference.

EUREKA. This church has called to the pastorate Rev. Emerson W. Harris, who for the past three years has been pastor of the Columbia Congregational Church of Seattle, Washington. Mr. Harris is a young man, having graduated from Carleton College in 1928 and Chicago Theological Seminary in 1931. Since graduation he has served churches at Monticello, Minnesota; Ogallala, Nebraska, and Butte, Montana. Under his leadership every church that he has served has had substantial growth. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two sons, ages nine and six.

TULARE. A three-fold program, "Building a New Church," has been adopted. It is a concerted, democratic Christian effort to strengthen the spiritual life of the individual and group, Christian service for the larger church, humanity, the nation and community, and to provide adequate facilities for the local church. Rev. Clayton H. Gill, the pastor, was a speaker at the fall rally of the San Joaquin Pilgrim Fellowship and also at the Mission Rally of the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of the German-speaking churches of the Fresno area.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The Women's League has provided many gifts to be sent to Service men at Christmas time through the Red Cross. Mothers of children in the beginners' and primary departments gathered for a luncheon and heard the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, speak on "Child Psychology." Mr. Richard Chamberlain, Assistant District Attorney, gave the address at the Laymen's Sunday morning service. Forty laymen sang in the choir. Rev. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council, was guest preacher on October 7.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A committee is sponsoring a new men's club. The movement grows out of a desire to welcome back Service men. Four laymen conducted the service on October 21. Rev. Harry McCready, former pastor and now pastor emeritus, is living at a rest home at 447 Lee Street. A workshop on the Church and Family Life was held on November 2, with Rev. Paul Reynolds of Chicago in charge. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

ORINDA. A complete remodelling of the parsonage, making it far more attractive, commodious, and usable, has been completed and Rev. and Mrs. Fred R. Morrow and the family are now comfortably installed in it. Five regional reception dinners, attended by 125 people, have been tendered to the Morrows, which has made possible his acquaintance with a large proportion of the people of the community within his first month's service.

FRESNO, FIRST. Statistics certainly ndicate a thriving well-rounded program n this church. There is a high school group of 60 members with attendance of nore than 40. The Plymouth Club for college students, meeting at homes, has rom 12 to 18 present. Capacity crowds are attending the Sunday evening forms. Sixty-four couples make up the Mr. and Mrs. Club for young married people. Eight new members were received on Worldwide Communion Day. A basic floor plan for the new church building has been approved by the cabinet. Rev. John H. Gregg, the minister, has been preaching a series of sermons on "The Meaning of Victory," "The Price of Peace," "Man and the Atom," and "The Task Before Us." He is now engaged in series of sermons on "Solving Personal Problems."

BENICIA. An attractive mimeographed heat has been printed and entitled "Preenting the Community Church," which ets forth the program for each Sunday n church school, morning worship, and Pilgrim Fellowship, with a monthly fellowship dinner and a monthly informal evening service. The various groups of he church with their program are described, and then the official organization. The minister, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, s properly introduced. The finances of he church are described. Mr. Wolfe is president of the newly formed Clergy Association.

LOOMIS. The church has reacted enthusiastically to the leadership of Rev. Joseph H. Bennett. The parsonage has been completely renovated and there have been repairs on the church and a re-conditioning of the social hall. Thirty-five young people are now in the Pilgrim Fellowship and a junior boys' group is in formation. Attendance at services of worship are increasing. A much enlarged budget has been undertaken for 1946.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Two additional workers are now on the staff—Miss Helen Lewis, Director of Religious Education, and Rev. Ernest Houlding, Resident Director of the Community Center. Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Buell Gallagher are co-pastors.

RIO VISTA. While seeking a pastor, this church has been supplied by Rev. Donald M. Sterling of Wisconsin, Prof. Hugh Vernon White, and Rev. Frank E. Carlson of Pacific School of Religion.

LODI, FIRST. Thirty-three people attended the State Conference meeting in Stockton, including seven young folk. Two lovely flags have been given for the sanctuary by a friend and were dedicated to the memory of the Gold Star boys of the church. On Communion Sunday many members made a pledge to make at least one call a week through October and November. Pilgrim Fellowship young people of the Central Area held a rally on October 14, with an attendance of 100. Rev. Donald Gaylord of Martinez gave the message. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, and the church council have made plans for raising the church's share of the post-war emergency program.

SARATOGA. Chaplain Gordon L. King, holding the rank of Captain in the United States Army, recently discharged, has been called as pastor and is on the field and at work. He is a graduate of Carleton College and of Andover Newton Theological School. He has served pastorates in South Dakota and Wisconsin, his last two pastorates being at North Leominster and Duxbury, Massachusetts. He has been chaplain since 1942, most of the time serving on Army transports between San Francisco and Pacific area points. Mrs. King is active in the religious education program of the church, having received special training in that field.

SAN CARLOS. Twelve adults were received on World Communion Sunday and five infants were baptized at the same service. A new college-age group has been started under the leadership of Rev. Weldon Batty, the educational director. This is the third youth group now actively at work. A choir of women readers, giving Bible monologues, has appeared with much success at Woodside and at a district meeting of Methodist women at Los Gatos. Two hundred seventy children crowd the building every Sunday for Church School. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A reception for all new members who have joined in 1945 will be held November 14. Officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship were installed at a church service early in November. On a recent Sunday morning, Mr. David Gill presented the post-war emergency program, and substantial gifts and pledges were made. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The Benicia, Calif., Youth Authority Choir furnished music at a union service in which the Mills Terrace Christian Church united with this church. A new sign with movable letters has been placed at the church corner and lighted. Church school has almost doubled in attendance. A building committee has been appointed. Nine laymen conducted the service on a recent Sunday and an all-boy choir furnished music. Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Boy Scouts were in attendance on Sunday, the 28th. The church has now 5 separate youth groups involving more than 75 people from ages 7 to 18. A new director will lead both senior and junior choirs. Rev. Byron Eshelman is pastor.

FERNDALE. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker has resigned to take effect December 1 in order that he will be free to return to China. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker are held in deepest affection by the Ferndale church and people and under their leadership real progress has been made. They will go to their home in San Jose, waiting until definite information comes as to when they will be sent to China, and will spend some weeks and months in study before going. Rev. Charles H. Hudson of Eureka has accepted the call to the Ferndale church and will begin work immediately upon the completion of Mr. Whitaker's pastorate. The Hudsons will move to Ferndale as soon as alterations can be made in the house which they have purchased.

SAN JOSE. The Education Committee of the church has adopted a new curriculum for the Church School, after several conferences with the parents, with Prof. Herman Wornom and Miss Blanche Carrier. A marked increase in the enrolment has followed. The High School Pilgrim Fellowship has started a good year with Miss Dorothea Brookover as its sponsor. There is also an active group in the College Pilgrim Fellowship. Several officers of the state Pilgrim Fellowship are in the group. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

PALO ALTO. Two automobile loads f books for the Philippines have been contributed. Over 100 woolen and heavy winter garments and much knitted material have been sent to France. The recent sale conducted by the women of the church netted $600. At the church family night, Prof. James McBain of Stanford gave a striking account of his trip around the world by air as a guest of the Soviet Government. Rev. Augustine Jones is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. This church will celebrate "Home Coming Day" on November 11, the 54th anniversary of the church's organization. The following Sunday will be "Voluntary Pledge Day," when the 1946 budget will be subscribed, including the postwar emergency fund. A memorial baptismal font is to be dedicated n honor of Carl F. Galligan, former trustee. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The fund for a new building continues to grow. Rev. N. F. Kwang, now serving as pastor, also eaches in the language school. A young people's group has been organized which meets Friday evenings.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By REV. CLAYTON H. GILL, Tulare

How would you like to wake up some morning and find yourself TWICE AS INTELLIGENT, as energetic, as persuasive, as you were before—so that you could plunge like a powerful swimmer into the stream of life and win all the goals that are now denied? The Area Conference showed that the free fellowship of our Congregational Churches MULTIPLIES OUR CHRISTIAN CAPACITY AND STRENGTH.

How so? Well, it's common to hear, "I believe in Christianity, but I'm not much of a churchman. It all boils down to treating your neighbor the way you want him to treat you." Yes, spread the golden rule far enough and wide enough and we could end all wars—military, social and economic. THE ONLY TROUBLE IS THAT BOILING IT DOWN IS ALSO BOILING IT AWAY.

Let's suppose you have 1,000 INTIMATE FRIENDS, and that you earnestly practice the golden rule in your relations with them. In the world scene, your influence compares to that of a man who has ONLY ONE FRIEND IN A CITY OF 2,169,868. Not very much, is it?

Look at it another way. Suppose your home were bombed, your city ruined. How would you want your Fresno and Los Angeles neighbors to act? Of course, they could "practise their religion at home," but you wouldn't be very grateful for it, would you? You would be very much more grateful if they were organized to send help.

How strange it is that people think they can live the Christian life—by themselves! It is like a statesman campaigning for office by muttering to himself. Is it any wonder that we sometimes FEEL LIKE A BIT OF DRIFTWOOD tossed in the currents of civilization? Or that we become pessimistic about Christian values and think the world will never be any better? But how encouraging it is to feel our endeavors strengthened in a fellowship that circles the globe! Church life means sharing in a WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE wielding the golden rule as their common strategy of personal and social reconstruction—multiplying, strengthening, and magnifying the weak efforts of individuals.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

Next meeting of the Federation will be November 15, in the First Congregational Church of Oakland.

AT THE CONFERENCES

For many years the objective of the Federation has been to make its women feel that they are a part of the whole Conference, not a separate organization. The slogan, "Get under the whole apportionment," emphasizing that the Conference work and responsibilities are our work and responsibilities also, was sounded at almost every meeting. A definite move in that direction was the decision to omit a separate meeting of the women at the time of the Conference Annual Meeting in October. Instead we have had a Women's Hour held usually after, or in conjunction with, a special women's luncheon. This year it has seemed to your editor that the division of the Conference Annual into smaller groups, serving smaller areas, has knit the women's organization more closely than ever before with the larger organization of which it is a part. Certainly, in the gatherings at Broadmoor and Berkeley churches (the only ones your editor was privileged to attend) the women were a preponderant part of the audience, not merely during their hour, but throughout the entire day. As, however, the reports of the Conference will probably appear elsewhere in "The Pacific," this column will speak chiefly of the Women's Hour.

Fresno led off on October 1, under the leadership of Mrs. S. B. Janjigian, President of the San Joaquin Association. It was a special pleasure, said Mrs. Janjigian, to be entertained by the friends of the German Congregations and in one of their churches. Their hostess was the charming wife of the pastor of the church, Mrs. B. H. Kissler, and the gathering was, in a sense, a celebration of Mrs. Kissler's birthday, which occurred on that date. Of the 47 women present during the afternoon, fully half were from the hostess church. They have a young women's group numbering around ninety, who meet every month in the year, and through dues, and in other ways, contribute to various benevolences. Their church has a service flag with 368 stars, six of them gold. Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, was to have been the speaker of the afternoon, but was prevented from coming, and Mrs. Verdette Walters of Upper Bay, whose excellent report we had last month, spoke on the Christian Home and Family Life, stressing the importance of the home in building a healthy society. She was followed by Mrs. Everett Blake, who is by now familiar to most of us. Mrs. Blake has an inexhaustible fund of valuable and interesting material to draw upon, and a never-failing charm of presentation which emphasizes both the interest and the value.

The following day another Area Conference was held at Tulare, in which Porterville also joined. Mrs. Walters again gave her message on the Christian Home and Family. She gave practical suggestions for making the home a place for Christian education, and showed and discussed much helpful material in books and pamphlets. The ladies felt that they had gained much from her talk. During a brief business meeting the women endorsed the action of the Fresno gathering the previous day in re-electing Mrs. Janjigian and Mrs. Ruth Habib to serve as President and Secretary of the Association, respectively, for another year.

Mrs. C. L. Jackson, President of the Santa Clara Association, reports that their women's hour, held October 5, was a great success. The central idea was of a "work-shop," and Mrs. Eugene T. Frickstad of Berkeley demonstrated altar decorations and also table decorations for church dinners. She gave the women many good ideas, says Mrs. Jackson, and let them in on some professional "secrets."

The Women's Hour at the Broadmoor Church on October 7 gave its consideration to books and reading. Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Assistant Literature Secretary, spoke on the Reading Lists, emphasizing he advantages to be gained by their use, explaining the regulations governing hem, and answering questions. She and Mrs. James Price, Federation President, had brought quite a number of books which the women were interested in looking over.

In the meeting at Berkeley First Church, the next day, the central thought was that of our devotional life, and its expression n public prayer services. Mrs. Bayard Buckham, Devotional Life Secretary, was in charge and introduced Mrs. Karel Smith, President of the women's organization of Berkeley First Church, and Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach, wife of the pastor of the Oakland First Church. Mrs. Reidenbach used her time for a discussion period, calling for questions and suggestions from the women, adding to and illuminating the answers.

Mrs. H. S. Clewett, President of Sacramento Valley Association, sent a partial eport from Weaverville, where the women of the Ladies' Aid are working hard, serving luncheons and otherwise helping heir church. Mrs. Price was to have poken at their women's meeting, but had been called home by the illness of her ather-in-law, so they, too, resolved themelves into a discussion group, ably led y Mrs. Blake and Rev. William Meyer, Field Secretary for the Conference. Paradise held no separate women's meeting ut, in common with the Area Conference, had the beauty and uplift of a levotional service led by Mrs. Buckham. Mrs. Buckham also led the women's meeting at Oroville.

Of the many other meetings held this nonth, no report has come to your edior. However, good news comes regarding the monologues which were spoken of in the September "Pacific." Mrs. H. B. Williams of San Carlos, who told us about them at that time, reports that due o frequent requests for some, or all, of these, a booklet has been published containing the monologues for the six Bible women and also two additional on Bible men. These may be obtained from Mrs. H. J. Loken, 1613 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, California. The price is 50 cents. Mrs. Williams, who is familiar with dramatic work, says that she has never found anything to equal these monologues in beauty and dramatic appeal. Requests for copies have come from as far as Vancouver, Washington, where Mrs. A. V. Dunn, a former President of our Federa-Vancouver.

tion, is now an Association President in

As this column is in preparation, comes the news of the sudden death of Mr. Philip Greisinger, husband of our well-loved Literature Secretary. The sympathy of all Northern California goes out to Mrs. Greisinger.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is Chairman of the Race Relations Committee of the Fresno Council of Churches.

MEDICAL UNIT IN ITALY

Several months ago the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction announced the formation of a Medical Unit to study malnutrition in Italy and to determine as scientifically and speedily as possible the methods of feeding which will restore to full health the peope of war-devastated countries. This group, made up of physicians and nutritionists, has established itself in Naples, and reports of its work are beginning to come in. A clinic has been set up, in which children especially are examined and fed. Dr. Sevringhaus, medical director of the unit, writes: "The opportunity for work here is large enough to need many teams of experts for years. I have just heard of a thousand or more children who live in underground homes among the rocks here in Naples."

Contact has again been established with Congregationalists in Czechoslovakia. We learn of the intense suffering of our people there, in prisons or concentration camps, or as slaves, digging trenches or working in factories for the Nazis. Their courage is amazing, for they are planning to rebuild churches and to start afresh upon expanded work. Surely we in America can be of help to these brave people.

In France, too, we are playing our part, transporting people and supplies, distributing clothing, and lending a hand to hapless individuals as opportunity offers. Reference is frequently made to the religious reason for our being in France at this time.

As churches here at home are considering expansion of their facilities, some of them have decided to give a portion of whatever sums they raise for reconstruction in areas of devastation overseas. By acts such as these, we make certain that we render more than life service to our fellow men.

--MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

OF GREAT INTEREST

Congregational people will be keenly interested in a special series of 13 weekly broadcasts over the Columbia network (KQW) each Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30, beginning December 2. It will be under the various councils of churches of the Coast area and on the general theme "Religion and Race." Prof. Buell Gallagher is director of research and Ray Sollers of CBS is writing the scripts of the dramatized programs. Four denominations and the Julius Rosenwald Fund are providing the financial support.

"We Too Receive"

"We Too Receive," a 16 mm. sound film, is available to churches through the Conference office. It is 600 feet in length, requiring 18 minutes for showing, and was professionally produced in Hollywood. It can be used only on a sound projector.

The picture opens in the dining room of the Cain family in any town in America. During breakfast a letter arrives from their oldest son, John, who is serving in the Army Air Force in the Pacific. He tells a simple story of how he has gained a new respect for Christian Missions.

During a dogfight with Japanese planes he is injured and is forced to bail out over wild mountainous country in New Guinea. A native, converted in a mission station, finds a letter John accidentally dropped into a stream and comes to rescue him. Through the aid and sacrifice of the "fuzzy wuzzies" he is carried across an almost impassable mountain range to safety.

The film ends with a flashback to the Cain family at breakfast, profoundly moved by the thought that we, too, sometimes indirectly, receive. The story is fast moving and well presented. It is based upon facts.

It can be used in a worship service either for young people or adults, at a church dinner, or discussion group, or for workers and canvassers. It will be especially helpful to churches raising their share of the Post-War Emergency Fund. There is a service charge of 50 cents plus postage both ways.

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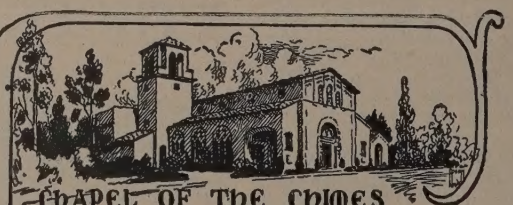

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